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SUBJECT: U.S. FERROUS SCRAP EXPORT CONTROL

1. TRANSMITTED IS A FOREIGN OFFICE TRANSLATION TO
ENGLISH OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LOPEZ RODO REQUESTING
ASSURANCES THAT SPAIN WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM THE
U.S. SOME TWO MILLION TONS OF SCRAP IN 1974:

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

" AS I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO-DAY TO POINT OUT TO
YOUR AMBASSADOR IN MADRID, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS
DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RESTRICTIONS IMPLEMENTED
IN THE UNITED STATES ON IRON-SCRAP EXPORTS.

"IT IS AN ESSENTIAL MATERIAL FOR THE SPANISH-
ECONOMY WHICH HAS TRADITIONALL BEEN IMPORTED IN
CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY.

"ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE US IS AT PRESENT CONSIDERING THE SETTING
UP OF IRON-SCRAP EXPORT QUOTAS FOR 1974, AND I WISH
TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IN SUCH A CASE SPAIN HOPES TO
OBTAIN A QUOTA OF TWO MILLION TONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

" THE HAPPY EXISTING RELATIONS - AS WELL AS THE
COOPERATION AGREEMENTS IN FORCE - BETWEEN BOTH OUR
TWO COUNTRIES LLOW ME TO EXPET YOUR UNDERSTANDING
IN REGARD TO OUR DESIRE.

"MAY I UNDERLINE THAT IRON PRODUCED IN SPAIN WOULD
NOT COMPETE IN THE LEAST WITH YOUR OWN STEEL INDUSTRY.
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FOR SPAIN DOES NOT EXPORT THIS KIND OF GOODS TO THE

AMERICAN MARKET.

" I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR OWN PERSONAL
ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM BROUGHT UP IN THIS LETTER.
"YOURS SINCERELY, LAUREANO LOPEZ RODO"

2. THIS LETTER WAS TRANSMITTED TO ME BY MINISTER LOPEZ RODO
FOLLOWING MY CALL ON HIM NOV 12.

3. I WILL BRING WITH ME TO WASHINGTON THE ORIGINAL LETTER
IN SPANISH.

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